

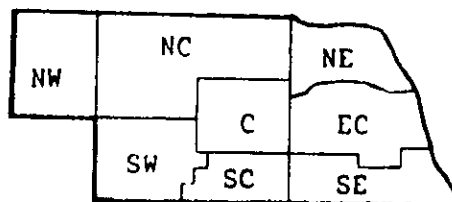
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# NEBRASKA

## WEEKLY WEATHER & CROP REPORT

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### WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 15 to 30 degrees above normal except for sharp cooling the last day of the period when averages were 4 to 17 degrees below normal. The only precipitation over the State was in the southeast portion where showers brought an average of a quarter of an inch to that section the first of the period.

### CROPS

Winter wheat continues to be in mostly fair to good condition over the State with no remaining snow cover as of last Friday. Of the counties reporting, 18% report condition as poor, 61% as fair, and 21% as good. The South Central District reported mostly good wheat conditions while the other districts reported mostly fair conditions. Above normal temperatures statewide last week eliminated nearly all snow cover. Additional moisture is needed in all areas.

Winter rye is also reported to be in mostly fair to good condition statewide.

### LIVESTOCK

Cattle on pastures and ranges still require supplemental feeding and stalk fields are being used continually due to the open weather. As of last week, 45% of the corn and milo stalk fields were being pastured. In some areas, heavy culling of herds is continuing to help stretch remaining feed supplies. Of the counties reporting, over 75% indicate average feed grain supplies with the remainder equally above and below average. Over 70% indicate average hay supplies with the remainder mostly below average. Calving has begun statewide and in some areas is now in full swing.

### GENERAL

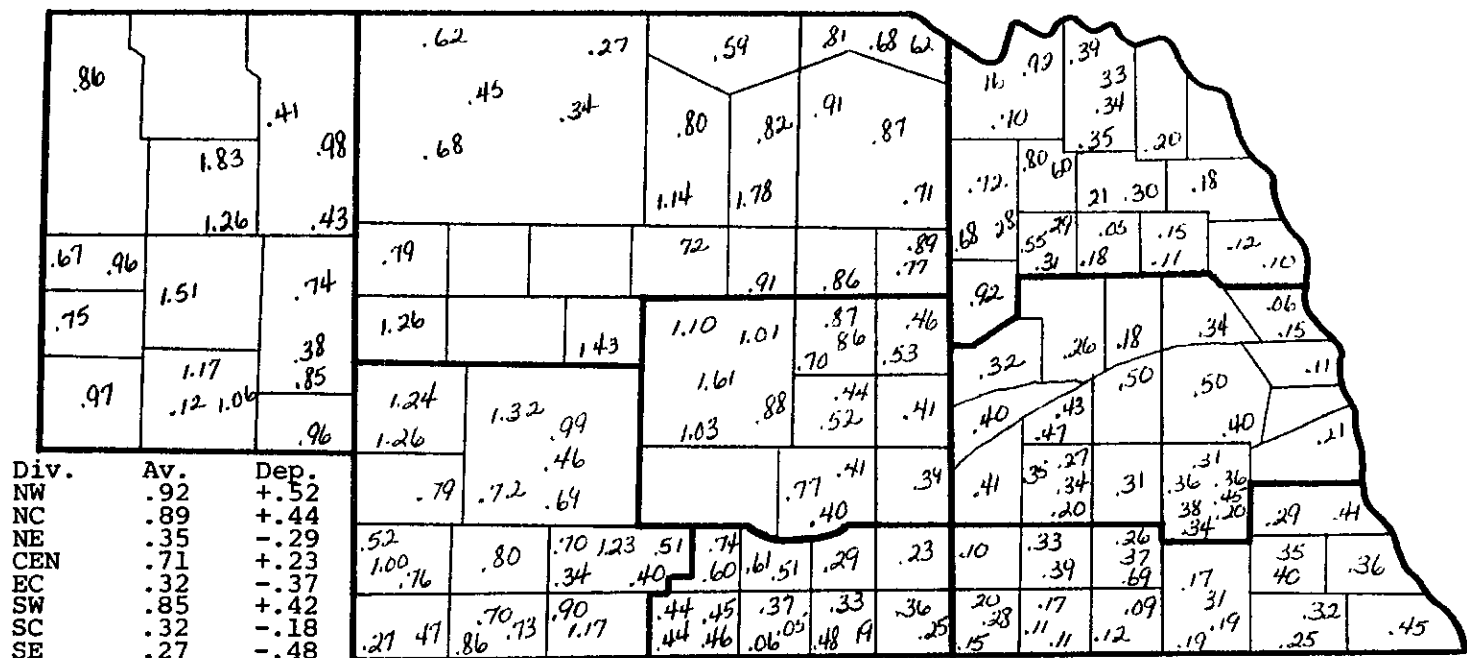
With the recent mild weather and high temperatures, many farmers were either starting spring fieldwork or preparing their machinery to do so. If dry weather persists, more farmers may begin fieldwork. Other activities included attending sales and meetings and planning spring crop programs.

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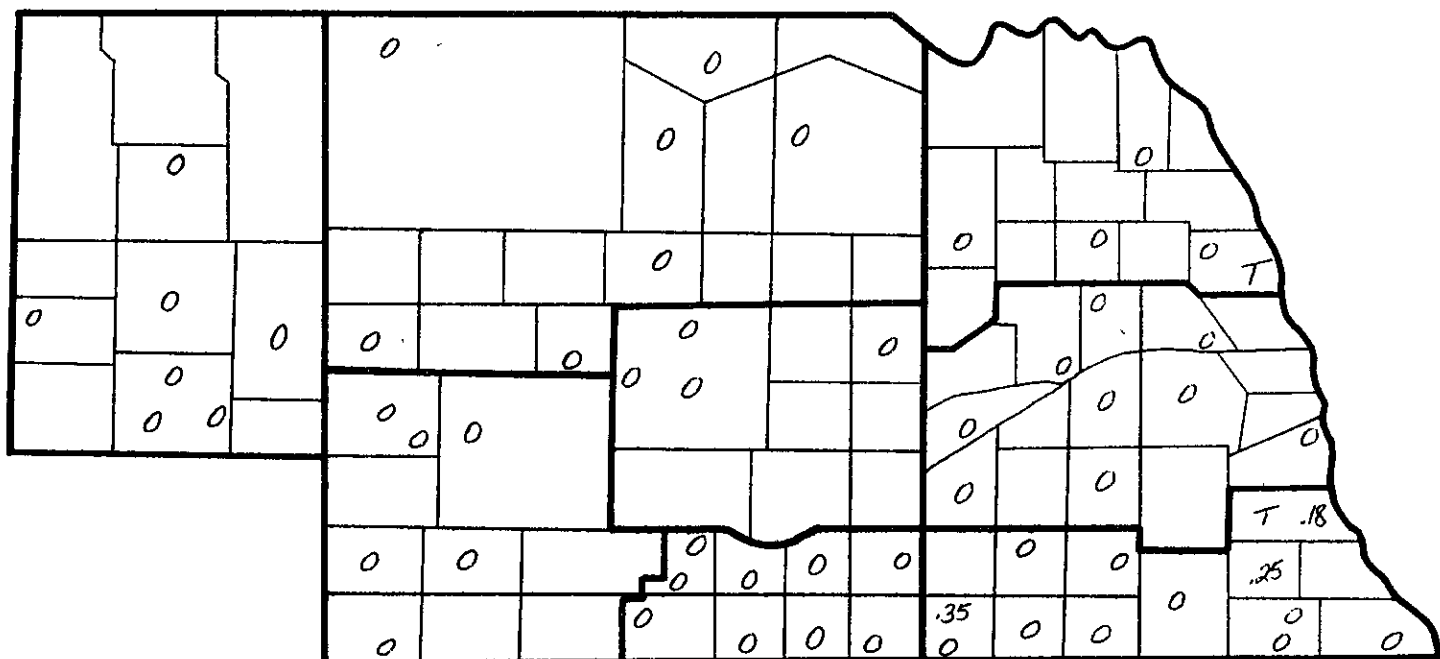


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1976 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1976



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976

| Station |              | Temperature |     |      |           | Precipitation                      |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|------------------------------------|
|         |              | Extremes    |     | Mean | Departure | Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u> |
|         |              | Max         | Min |      |           |                                    |
| NW      | Chadron      | 66          | 23  | 43   | --        | .08                                |
|         | Scottsbluff  | 66          | 26  | 45   | +14       | T                                  |
|         | Sidney       | 65          | 17  | 42   | --        | 0                                  |
| NC      | Burwell      | 67          | 23  | 44   | --        | 0                                  |
|         | Valentine    | 65          | 15  | 41   | +15       | T                                  |
| NE      | Norfolk      | 65          | 25  | 43   | +16       | 0                                  |
|         | Sioux City   | 66          | 24  | 43   | +17       | 0                                  |
| CEN     | Grand Island | 73          | 27  | 47   | +17       | 0                                  |
| EC      | Lincoln      | 74          | 25  | 44   | +13       | 0                                  |
|         | Omaha        | 75          | 28  | 46   | +15       | 0                                  |
| SW      | Imperial     | 70          | 21  | 44   | --        | 0                                  |
|         | North Platte | 67          | 14  | 40   | +10       | 0                                  |

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.